1989-90
Legislative Assembly Estimates

Alberta

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PREFACE

The Legislative Assembly Estimates present to the Legislative Assembly expenditure proposals for the 1989-90 fiscal year. The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate sums from the General Revenue Fund to each vote under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1989. Also to be appropriated under section 1 of the Appropriation Act, 1989 are Supplementary Estimates for 1988-89.

For the information of the Legislative Assembly, details of each vote are provided at the element level and by object of expenditure.

SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout this publication:

. . . figures not appropriate or not applicable

- - amount too small (large) to be expressed

— nil or zero.

1989-90 Details of Legislative Assembly Estimates

Alberta

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The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF VOTED EXPENDITURE

VOTE		1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Actual
		$	%	$	$
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	**18,507,505**	16.9	15,828,149	15,274,573
2	Office of the Auditor General	**10,948,811**	7.7	10,161,546	9,738,202
3	Office of the Ombudsman	**1,107,490**	(1.2)	1,120,800	1,032,006
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	**4,262,250**	(0.1)	4,268,227	678,600
	Amount to be voted	**34,826,056**	11.0	31,378,722	26,723,381

SUMMARY BY OBJECT AND TYPE OF EXPENDITURE
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

	1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates
	$	%	$
Object of Expenditure			
Statutory Salaries and Benefits	**133,427**	—	133,427
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**13,583,330**	7.0	12,699,348
Supplies and Services	**14,780,197**	9.0	13,559,953
Grants	**8,000**	(59.0)	19,500
Purchase of Fixed Assets	**562,770**	47.5	381,602
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	**5,348,332**	16.7	4,584,892
Re-establishment Allowance for Former Members of the Legislative Assembly	**410,000**	. . .	—
	34,826,056	11.0	31,378,722
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	**34,263,286**	10.5	30,997,120
Capital	**562,770**	47.5	381,602
	34,826,056	11.0	31,378,722

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**372.8**	16.7	319.4
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**256**	1.2	253

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTHORITY:

Legislative Assembly Act.

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Resolutions of the Assembly.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the Legislative Assembly Act.

Provides for payment of re-establishment allowances to former members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' Constituency Offices.

Provides for payment of pension premiums, disability benefits and health insurance premiums and benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Provides special research services.

Provides funds for the operation of committees of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, Public Service and general public.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard.

VOTE 1 — SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Actual
		$	%	$	$
1.0.1	Administration	518,387	7.4	482,781	503,580
1.0.2	House Services	1,185,311	30.3	909,423	1,045,604
1.0.3	MLA Administration	12,126,822	22.8	9,876,861	9,193,042
1.0.4	Speaker and Deputy Speaker—Office Services	301,718	2.5	294,380	279,026
1.0.5	Government Members' Services	1,116,000	(0.4)	1,120,000	1,055,267
1.0.6	Official Opposition Services	855,410	9.2	783,272	791,523
1.0.7	Liberal Party Services	448,880	39.9	320,880	310,703
1.0.8	Representative Party Services	—	(100.0)	181,696	171,666
1.0.9	Legislature Committees	234,967	13.8	206,560	195,378
1.0.10	Legislative Interns	93,893	(10.9)	105,365	111,250
1.0.11	Hansard	715,729	9.9	651,543	641,652
1.0.12	Legislature Library	910,388	1.7	895,388	975,882
	Amount to be voted	**18,507,505**	16.9	15,828,149	15,274,573

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Statutory Salaries and Benefits	133,427	—	133,427
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	4,443,569	4.1	4,267,479
Supplies and Services	7,761,522	17.4	6,611,179
Grants	8,000	(59.0)	19,500
Purchase of Fixed Assets	402,655	90.2	211,672
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	5,348,332	16.7	4,584,892
Re-establishment Allowance for Former Members of the Legislative Assembly	410,000	. . .	—
	18,507,505	16.9	15,828,149
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	18,104,850	15.9	15,616,477
Capital	402,655	90.2	211,672
	18,507,505	16.9	15,828,149

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	169.5	42.3	119.1
Permanent Full-Time Positions	47	—	47

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUTHORITY:

Auditor General Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the Auditor General Act and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, revolving funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor. After the end of the fiscal year of the Crown, to report to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the Auditor General Act. To undertake special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

VOTE 2 — OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Actual
		$	%	$	$
2.0.1	Office of the Auditor General	**10,948,811**	7.7	10,161,546	9,738,202
	Amount to be voted	**10,948,811**	7.7	10,161,546	9,738,202

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**7,874,146**	8.6	7,250,332
Supplies and Services	**2,927,050**	6.3	2,752,784
Grants	**—**	—	—
Purchase of Fixed Assets	**147,615**	(6.8)	158,430
	10,948,811	7.7	10,161,546
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	**10,801,196**	8.0	10,003,116
Capital	**147,615**	(6.8)	158,430
	10,948,811	7.7	10,161,546

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**174.0**	—	174.0
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**181**	—	181

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

AUTHORITY:

Ombudsman Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide an impartial investigation on behalf of any person who feels he has suffered an injustice through the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, and to recommend corrective action if the complaint is justified.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Investigation of complaints concerning the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, at no cost to the individual requesting this service. Disposition of complaints by explaining action of Government to the complainant, if the complaint is not justified, or by recommendation for corrective action if the complaint is supported.

VOTE 3 — OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Actual
		$	%	$	$
3.0.1	Edmonton Office	885,030	(8.7)	969,310	898,908
3.0.2	Calgary Office	222,460	46.8	151,490	133,098
	Amount to be voted	1,107,490	(1.2)	1,120,800	1,032,006

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	885,590	7.1	826,500
Supplies and Services	216,900	(25.3)	290,300
Grants	—	—	—
Purchase of Fixed Assets	5,000	25.0	4,000
	1,107,490	(1.2)	1,120,800
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	1,102,490	(1.3)	1,116,800
Capital	5,000	25.0	4,000
	1,107,490	(1.2)	1,120,800

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	20.3	17.3	17.3
Permanent Full-Time Positions	20	17.6	17

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AUTHORITY:

Election Act.

Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Electoral Divisions Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide the necessary administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections, by-elections and plebiscites in support of the Election Act and to the Electoral Boundaries Commission. To monitor the financial activities of the registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides for enumerations, elections, by-elections and plebiscites. Communication and liaison with executive officers of registered parties, constituency associations, and candidates and their campaign officials pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant acts.

The Chief Electoral Officer is a member of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

VOTE 4 — OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1989-90 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1988-89 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Actual
		$	%	$	$
4.0.1	Administrative Support	406,580	6.5	381,757	384,880
4.0.2	Elections	75,000	(25.0)	100,000	60,255
4.0.3	Enumerations	3,780,670	(0.2)	3,786,470	233,465
	Amount to be voted	4,262,250	(0.1)	4,268,227	678,600

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	380,025	7.0	355,037
Supplies and Services	3,874,725	(0.8)	3,905,690
Grants	—	—	—
Purchase of Fixed Assets	7,500	—	7,500
	4,262,250	(0.1)	4,268,227
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	4,254,750	(0.1)	4,260,727
Capital	7,500	—	7,500
	4,262,250	(0.1)	4,268,227

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	9.0	—	9.0
Permanent Full-Time Positions	8	—	8

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1989

VOTE / DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL WARRANT	Amount $
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
In accordance with section 21 of the Legislative Assembly Act.	
1 SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
To provide funds to meet $172,200 for salary, wage and contract settlements, $75,000 for equipment purchases to be used in the constituency EDP pilot project, $65,000 for MLA postage costs and equipment rentals, and $28,000 for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference per diem rates which were not budgeted	480,100
TOTAL VOTE 1	480,100
In accordance with section 10.1 of the Ombudsman Act.	
3 OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	
To provide funds for the Ombudsman's investigation of provincial regulatory processes and their administration, as they relate to the financial collapse of the Principal Group of Companies	70,000
TOTAL VOTE 3	70,000
In accordance with section 6.1 of the Election Act.	
4 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	
To provide funds to conduct the 1989 Provincial General Election	3,997,600
TOTAL VOTE 4	3,997,600
Amount to be voted under section 1 of the Appropriation Act, 1989 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)	4,547,700

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE
For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990

Vote			Estimates
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY			
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	18,507,505
2	Office of the Auditor General		10,948,811
3	Office of the Ombudsman		1,107,490
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		4,262,250
Amount to be voted under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1989 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)		$	34,826,056